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Applicant : Christopher Haywood, et al.  
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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office action of April 22, 2003, Applicant submits herewith a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47 for acceptance of Declaration of Christopher Haywood signed by co-inventor Geoffrey C. Stone, on behalf of Mr. Haywood, who refuses to sign. Acceptance of the Declaration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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